

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

WAYMO LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.;
OTTOMOTTO LLC; OTTO TRUCKING
LLC,
Defendants.

CASE NO. 3:17-cv-00939

DECLARATION OF GREGORY KINTZ

**UNREDACTED VERSION OF
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1 I, Gregory Kintz, hereby declare as follows.

2 1. I have been asked by counsel for Waymo LLC (“Waymo”) to provide an opinion as
3 to whether Defendant Ottomotto LLC (“OttoMotto”), Defendant Otto Trucking LLC (“Otto
4 Trucking), or Defendant Uber Technologies, Inc. (“Uber”, and collectively, “Defendants”),
5 through the accused LiDAR devices, infringe United States Patent Nos. 8,836,922 (“the ’922
6 Patent”) and 9,285,464 (“the ’464 Patent) (collectively, “the Asserted Patents”). For this
7 declaration I have limited my opinions to claims 1 and 13 of the ’922 Patent and claims 1 and 14
8 of the ’464 Patent. I have also been asked to provide an opinion on the validity of the Asserted
9 Patents and on whether Waymo practices the Asserted Patents. I have also been asked to provide
10 an opinion on Waymo’s trade secrets incorporated into the accused LiDAR devices. My opinions
11 are set forth below in this declaration.

12 2. The analysis and opinions contained in this declaration are based on the information
13 currently available to me. I understand that the parties to this action have not yet taken formal
14 discovery, and therefore there may be additional information produced by the parties that informs my
15 opinions concerning the Patents. I reserve the right to supplement and amend my opinions after
16 further discovery.

17 3. If I am called to testify as an expert witness, I expect to give testimony concerning
18 my qualifications and experience, the technical subject matter of the Asserted Patents including
19 infringement and validity, the accused LiDAR devices, Waymo’s practice of the Asserted Patents,
20 and on Waymo’s trade secrets incorporated into the accused LiDAR devices.

21 4. I am being compensated for my work on this matter at my current standard rate of
22 \$200 per hour. I am separately reimbursed for expenses. As an independent consultant, I am
23 being compensated solely for my time spent and my compensation is not contingent on the content
24 of my opinions or the outcome of this litigation.

25 **I. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**

26 5. My qualifications for presenting the opinions in this declaration are set forth in my
27 curriculum vitae, a copy of which is attached as Appendix A to this report.

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1 6. I have more than 30 years of experience as a physicist working with laser optics. I
2 am a member of the Optical Society for America, the International Society for Optics and
3 Photonics (SPIE), and the Society for Information Display. I have been awarded 30 United States
4 Patents and have seven applications pending in the fields of optics, displays, and lasers.

5 7. In 1983, I earned a B.S. in Physics with Highest Honor from the Georgia Institute
6 of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia. In 1985, I earned a Masters of Science in Physics from the
7 University of Colorado, Boulder. Since 1986, I have worked in the field of laser optics for
8 numerous employers, including Lockheed Martin and the Naval Research Laboratory. My
9 research and work has included the following subjects and projects: laser performance of diode-
10 pumped, solid-state lasers; mounting and collimation of pulsed high-power laser diodes;
11 development of high-power laser diodes, including mounting and collimation technologies; design
12 of eye-safe lasers for coherent laser radar; analysis of single-mode fiberoptic receivers; testing and
13 performance evaluation of a LiDAR system on a NASA 727 airplane; a laser and optical system
14 used in texturing of hard disk drives; virtual panoramic display concepts; medical laser resonators;
15 analysis of thermal lensing; a laser-marking application for agricultural seed production; and high-
16 power laser fiber optical couplers.

17 8. Since 2005, I have worked as a Senior Consultant for Mount Mitchell Optics. My
18 work at Mount Mitchell has spanned a variety of laser- and optical-related projects. Since that
19 time I have also founded and worked for other companies including Laser Biopsy Inc.,
20 PROFUSA, and Auris Surgical Robotics. These roles spanned imaging technology, lens design,
21 modeling of light propagation, and visualization systems for use by microrobots. At Auris
22 Surgical Robotics I was named an Intellectual Property “All Star” in 2014 and 2015 for my
23 contributions.

24 **II. MATERIALS CONSIDERED FOR THIS DECLARATION**

25 9. In preparation of this declaration, I have considered materials cited herein, materials
26 related to the Patents, the accused LiDAR system, and Waymo’s LiDAR system, and also independent
27 research on related issues.

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1 10. With respect to the Patents, I have considered the Patents themselves and the
2 prosecution histories.

3 11. With respect to the accused LiDAR device, I have considered technical documents
4 and files inadvertently disclosed to Waymo that describe the design and layout of a printed circuit
5 board (“Fuji PCB”) used in the system’s transmit block, as well as the electrical components on
6 the board. I have also reviewed an application from Defendants to Nevada Regulatory Authorities
7 on September 15, 2016 (the “Nevada Application”), which describes Defendants’ LiDAR
8 implementation.

9 12. With respect to the Waymo LiDAR system, I have considered a drive comprising a
10 copy of the approximately 14,000 files downloaded by Anthony Levandowski from Waymo’s private
11 SVN design server, as well as the Declaration of Pierre-Yves Droz filed concurrently herewith.

12 13. I have also reviewed various public materials relating to LiDAR technology. A list of
13 materials I considered in preparing my declaration is attached as Appendix B.

14 **III. LEGAL STANDARDS**

15 14. In this section I describe my understanding of certain legal standards. I have been
16 informed of these legal standards by Waymo’s attorneys. I am not an attorney, and I am relying
17 only on instructions from Waymo’s attorneys for these legal standards, which I apply in forming
18 the opinions I set forth in this declaration.

19 15. ***Claim Construction.*** I understand that claim construction is an issue of law for the
20 Court to decide. I have been instructed by counsel that claim terms should be given their ordinary
21 and customary meaning within the context of the patent in which the terms are used, i.e., the
22 meaning that the term would have to a person of ordinary skill in the art in question at the time of
23 the invention in light of what the patent teaches. Unless I expressly indicate otherwise, I will
24 apply this ordinary and customary meaning to the terms of the claims throughout my analysis.

25 16. ***Infringement.*** I understand that the patent specification includes the written
26 description of one or more preferred embodiments of the invention, drawings, and figures. I
27 understand that the patent claims define and measure the patent’s scope. I understand that each
28 claim defines a separate invention, and that a dependent claim incorporates each and every

1 element of the claim from which it depends. I understand that literal infringement occurs when
2 the accused product includes each and every limitation of a given asserted claim, as that claim has
3 been construed by the Court. I understand that a plaintiff must ultimately prove patent
4 infringement by a preponderance of the evidence, meaning the accused device is more likely to
5 infringe than not to infringe the asserted claim or claims.

6 17. **Validity.** I understand that patent claims are presumed valid, and that an accused
7 infringer bears the burden of proving invalidity by clear and convincing evidence. I understand that a
8 patent is invalid as anticipated if a single prior art reference discloses every element of the claimed
9 invention. I understand that a patent is invalid as obvious if the claimed differences between the
10 subject matter of the patent and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have
11 been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which
12 said subject matter pertains, and that it is improper to use hindsight to determine what would have
13 been obvious at the time of the invention. I understand that a patent is invalid for lack of written
14 description if the specification fails to describe the invention sufficiently to convey to a person of
15 ordinary skill in the art that the patentee had possession of the claimed invention at the time of the
16 filing of their application, and that a patent is invalid for lack of enablement if the specification fails to
17 describe the manner and process of making and using the invention in a way that enables a person of
18 skill in the art to make and use the full scope of the invention without undue experimentation.

19 18. **Trade Secrets.** I understand that a trade secret is information that the owner has
20 taken reasonable measures to keep secret, and that derives independent economic value, actual or
21 potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable through proper
22 means by, the public another person who can obtain economic value from the disclosure or use of
23 the information. I further understand that “misappropriation” within the trade secret context
24 means the improper acquisition, use, or disclosure of a trade secret by an unauthorized person.

25 19. **Person of Ordinary Skill in the Art.** I understand that many of the issues discussed
26 above, including claim construction, infringement, and validity are analyzed from the perspective of a
27 hypothetical person having ordinary skill in the art. The '922 Patent was filed on August 20, 2013.
28 The '464 Patent was filed on August 18, 2015 as a continuation of the application that became the

1 '922 Patent. In my opinion, a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would
 2 have had a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics, and at least three years' experience in laser-based
 3 optical mapping systems, or the equivalent. I met and exceeded these qualifications at the time of the
 4 invention.

5 **IV. SUMMARY OF OPINIONS**

6 20. Based on information currently available to me, it is my opinion that: (a) the
 7 accused LiDAR devices incorporate Waymo's trade secrets; (b) the accused LiDAR devices
 8 infringe at least claims 1 and 13 of the '922 Patent; (c) the '922 Patent is valid; (d) Waymo's
 9 LiDAR devices practice the '922 Patent; (e) the accused LiDAR devices infringe at least claims 1
 10 and 14 of the '464 Patent; (f) the '464 Patent is valid; and (g) Waymo's LiDAR devices practice
 11 the '464 Patent.

12 **V. OVERVIEW OF LIDAR**

13 21. Light Detection And Ranging, known as LiDAR, uses light, often lasers, to map the
 14 surrounding environment by bouncing light waves off of objects in the surrounding environment.
 15 Specifically, the LiDAR system emits a light beam with a short high-power pulse of light, such as
 16 a laser beam. When the light beam makes contact with an object in the environment, the beam
 17 reflects off of that object and returns to the LiDAR device, where it is detected by the device. The
 18 LiDAR device can then measure the time and distance each light beam traveled. A longer round-
 19 trip time means a more distant object. Each round trip creates a "point" representing an object a
 20 given distance and direction from the emitting device. A LiDAR system rapidly emits an
 21 enormous number of beams, and feeds the data from each into imaging software to create a three-
 22 dimensional "point cloud." With enough beams, this point cloud accurately depicts a high-
 23 resolution map of the surrounding environment.

24 22. Waymo's first self-driving cars relied upon a third-party LiDAR system called the
 25 Velodyne HDL64. (Droz Decl. ¶ 17.) Eventually, Waymo developed a custom replacement for
 26 the HDL64 called the GBr2, which dramatically reduced size and cost. (*Id.*) Waymo patented
 27 certain key innovations of the GBr2, such as its use of a single transmit/receive lens, but the
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1 patents did not disclose other information about the GBr2, such as its dimensions, materials used,
2 and assembly processes. (Droz Decl. ¶ 16; *see* '922 Patent, '464 Patent.)

3 23. Waymo subsequently developed a next-generation device called the GBr3, and has
4 also developed other optical systems for short- and long-range viewing. (Droz Decl. ¶¶ 10, 23.)
5 Because these advances remain private and represent valuable innovations which give Waymo a
6 competitive advantage in the self-driving vehicle space, these advancements reflect Waymo's
7 trade secrets.

8 **VI. TRADE SECRET MISAPPROPRIATION**

9 **A. Summary of Trade Secret Opinions**

10 24. I have reviewed Waymo's Identification of Trade Secrets (the "TS List").

11 25. I have reviewed a copy of the roughly 14,000 files downloaded from Google's
12 confidential design server by Anthony Levandowski. This download includes a "projects" folder
13 with subdirectories. One directory, called "Laser," appears to include the complete set of
14 design files for several (possibly all) LiDAR systems developed by Waymo, including the design
15 files for GBr.

16 26. My trade secret opinion focuses on my review of the Fuji PCB and the Nevada
17 Application, and specifically on the trade secrets that appear to be incorporated into the accused
18 LiDAR devices. These trade secrets relate to Waymo's GBr3 LiDAR device, which uses transmit
19 boards that include many features that are the same or substantially similar to features that Uber
20 incorporated into the Fuji PCB.

21 **B. Overview of Waymo's GBr3 Trade Secrets**

22 27. As discussed, Waymo's GBr2 featured many innovative and useful concepts, some
23 of which were patented and others of which Waymo maintained as trade secrets. I understand,
24 however, that testing of the GBr2 revealed the need for further refinements. (Droz Decl. ¶ 20.)
25 Specifically, I understand that based on test results, Waymo derived certain requirements which
26 drove Waymo's development of its next-generation model, the GBr3. (Droz Decl. ¶ 22; TS List
27 Nos. 21-30.) The development of these requirements, the requirements themselves, the concepts
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1 Waymo pioneered to meet these requirements, and many features of the completed GBr3, are all
 2 valuable trade secrets. (Droz Decl. ¶¶ 17-22.)

3 **C. Trade Secrets Resulting from the Testing of GBr2 and Development of GBr3**

4 28. During its testing of GBr2, Waymo discovered specific use cases for which the
 5 device gave suboptimal performance. For example, I understand that GBr2 [REDACTED]
 6 [REDACTED]. (Droz Decl. ¶ 21.) This testing led
 7 Waymo to improve its resolution to solve for these use cases. (*Id.* ¶ 22.) In the following
 8 sections, I describe specific design features of GBr3 that Waymo developed in order to improve its
 9 system.

10 **D. [REDACTED] (TS List Nos. 1, 4,
 11 6, 28-30, 39, 94-99)**

12 29. One of the unique features of the GBr3 design is that [REDACTED]
 13 [REDACTED]
 14 [REDACTED]
 15 [REDACTED]
 16 [REDACTED]
 17 [REDACTED]

18 30. [REDACTED]
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31. In GBr2, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. (See Droz Decl. ¶ 20; Conversation with P. Droz.) As a result, the device
[REDACTED]. (See TS List No. 28.) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (Droz Decl. ¶ 21.) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (Droz Decl. ¶ 21.) This is valuable because [REDACTED]

(Id.)

32. In my opinion, the Fuji PCB incorporates the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] concept of GBr3. The Fuji PCB plans and corresponding specifications detailing the
exact placement of laser diodes on the Fuji PCB confirm that the Fuji PCB diodes are [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] as illustrated below:



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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED].

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Based on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] it is clear that the Defendants have designed their LiDAR system to

[REDACTED] similar to that of GBr3, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. It is also clear that Defendants have

developed their system based on the specific PCB designs contained in Waymo's confidential

design files discussed in Trade Secret Nos. 94-99 on Waymo's Trade Secret List. The [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] are highly similar to the

¹ For visual comparison purposes, the above is the mirror image of the Fuji PCB assembly drawing.

1 [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED].
3 35. I am unaware of any public disclosure of this type of [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED]. This concept is not disclosed by the '922 Patent, [REDACTED]
5 [REDACTED] Further, I know of no other LiDAR design that [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED] as shown, for example, in the GBr3 design. For example, the Velodyne LiDAR HDL-
8 64E contains two laser blocks with 32 lasers in each. The lasers in each block are [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED] Further, in the Velodyne HDL-64, each laser is
11 mounted on an individual board. (Conversation with P. Droz.)

12 E. [REDACTED] [TS List Nos. 2-3]

13 36. The GBr2 (as disclosed in the '922 Patent discussed below) used [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED]. (See '922 Patent, Fig. 6A.) This parallelism ensures that each detector
16 corresponds to a single diode.

17 37. During the development of GBr3, Waymo performed numerous tests in order to
18 [REDACTED]. (Droz Decl. ¶ 22.) The development process
19 included [REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED] (Id.) [REDACTED]
21 [REDACTED] (Id.) [REDACTED]
22 [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED]
24 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(See TS List No. 17.)

38. Waymo determined that, in order to preserve 1:1 mapping between the photoreceptors on the receive block and the laser diodes on the transmit block, [REDACTED] (Droz Decl. ¶ 22; TS List Nos. 2-3.) In order to maintain a 64-laser system [REDACTED] (TS List No. 3.)

39. This [REDACTED] is a trade secret. (TS List Nos. 2-3.) As described, Waymo invested time and resources into [REDACTED] (Droz Decl. ¶ 22.) If a competitor were to learn of [REDACTED] ahead of time, it would be relieved of the need to perform the testing and simulation that [REDACTED]. Any ability to shorten or eliminate engineering cycles represents a valuable time-saving advantage.

40. It is my opinion that the Fuji PCB system incorporates the [REDACTED] design. Like GBr3, [REDACTED] (See Nevada Application.) Additionally, like [REDACTED] used in GBr3, the Fuji

1 PCB [REDACTED]

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8 41. Conversely, the design of the Fuji board would not be consistent with [REDACTED]

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18 [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED] All of these reasons

20 confirm that the accused LiDAR device uses the same [REDACTED] as GBr3, [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED]. (Conversation with P. Droz.)

23 42. Based on [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED], it is clear that the Defendants have designed their

25 device to achieve the same design as GBr3. (TS List Nos. 2-3.) It is also clear that Defendants

26 have developed their system based on the specific PCB designs contained in Waymo's

27 confidential design files. (TS List Nos. 94-99.) These design files contain the specifications for

28 [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]. In particular, the design of the Fuji board is highly similar to that of GBr3 [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED].

3 43. I am unaware of any public disclosure of [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED]. This concept is not disclosed by the '922 Patent, [REDACTED]
5 [REDACTED], and it is not taught by the 64-laser Velodyne device, [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED] (Conversation with P. Droz.)

7 **F. Completed PCB [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) (TS List Nos. 94-99)**

8 44. Detailed proprietary design specifications represent the “recipe” for a precise and
9 distinct end product. The design files for Boards [REDACTED] are intended to be given to a vendor, likely
10 under an NDA, for manufacture. Neither Waymo nor any business would disclose such detailed
11 information publicly. To do so would enable others to duplicate the end product. If a competitor
12 acquired such precise specifications, it would be able to replicate Waymo’s [REDACTED]
13 skipping over all of the steps recounted above, including [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED] In short,
15 these design files represent the culmination of all of Waymo’s invested time and resources, and a
16 competitor obtaining that end product without having gone through any of the required steps to
17 create it would immediately erase the competitive edge that Waymo earned through the
18 development process.

19 45. Further, one in possession of these design files could infer from them more general
20 concepts such as a [REDACTED] design, and build a LiDAR device that mimicked
21 Waymo’s offering without utterly duplicating it.

22 46. It is my opinion that Defendants most likely adapted the Fuji PCB from the PCB
23 Design Files. Like Boards [REDACTED], the Fuji PCB [REDACTED]. As with Waymo’s
24 [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED]

26 47. Further, the Fuji PCB as compared to Boards [REDACTED]
27 [REDACTED]. The Fuji PCB appears to be a scaled-up version of the
28 GBr3 design files downloaded by Anthony Levandowski. For example, I compared [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] My work is shown below:

[REDACTED]

48. Thus, the Fuji PCB appears to represent a deliberate effort to create a scaled-up version of Board [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Rather, this similarity demonstrates that the Fuji PCB [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED] of the Waymo board, scaled up to a slightly greater size. This similarity suggests that the
2 Fuji PCB is part of a LiDAR device that features other optical similarities to the Waymo design.

3 G. [REDACTED] (TS List No. 7)

4 49. Waymo [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED] This concept is secret because known LiDAR systems [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED] The purpose of this design is [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]
8 [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED] Known LiDAR systems [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED]

12 50. Waymo engineers discovered that [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED] (TS List No. 7.) A benefit of [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED]. (TS List Nos. 7, 9.) [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED]

21 51. In my opinion, the Fuji PCB incorporates the [REDACTED] concept of
22 GBr3. The Fuji board specifications depict [REDACTED]
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52. Based on the [REDACTED] in the Fuji board, it is my opinion that the Defendants have designed their LiDAR system to [REDACTED]. It is clear that the Defendants are attempting to achieve the same benefit—[REDACTED]—through this design technique. It is also clear that Defendants have developed their system based on the specific PCB designs contained in Waymo’s confidential design files discussed in Trade Secret Nos. 94-99 on Waymo’s Trade Secret List. The [REDACTED] on the Fuji board are highly similar to the [REDACTED] on the GBr3 [REDACTED].

53. I am unaware of any other LiDAR device that [REDACTED].

H. [REDACTED] (TS List No. 14)

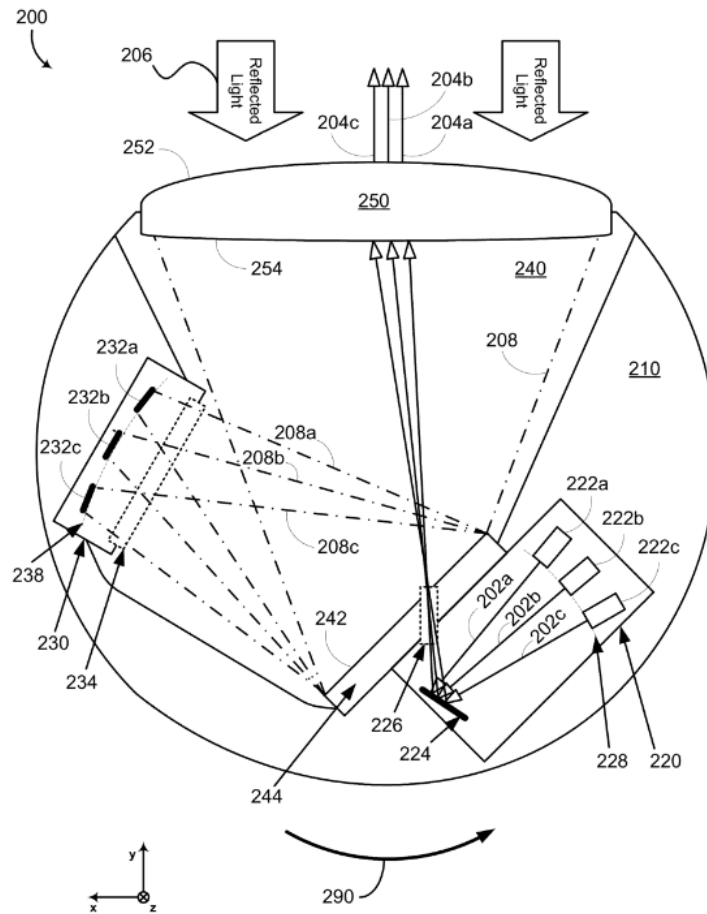
54. It is critical to Waymo’s LiDAR devices that [REDACTED]. (TS List No. 14.) [REDACTED]. (Id.) [REDACTED].

1 [REDACTED] (*Id.*) [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED] (*Id.*) [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED] (Conversion with P. Droz.) [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED] (TS List No. 14.)
5 [REDACTED] (*Id.*) [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED]
7 55. It is my opinion that the Fuji PCB uses these same [REDACTED]. According to the
8 Fuji PCB specifications, [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED] Further, the email attaching the Fuji PCB states: [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED] This appears to be a reference to the
11 same type of [REDACTED] used by Waymo for [REDACTED]

12 **VII. THE '922 PATENT**

13 **A. Description and Background of the '922 Patent**

14 56. The '922 Patent teaches an elegant and compact LiDAR configuration that offers
15 advantages in size, cost, and complexity compared to prior LiDAR configurations. The key
16 innovation over prior art is use of a common lens to both transmit and receive light beams, rather
17 than separate lenses for transmission and receipt. ('922 Patent at 4:5-11.) According to the patent,
18 the lens is mounted to a housing. (*Id.* at 1:50-51.) Within the housing, a transmit block emits light
19 to the lens via an exit aperture in a wall that includes a reflective surface. (*Id.* at 3:61-67, 4:37-
20 39.) When that light returns after reflecting off of an object in the surrounding environment, the
21 lens focuses that light on photoreceptors within a receive block via the same reflective surface that
22 contains the exit aperture. (*Id.* at 4:26-39.) Figure 2 illustrates this configuration:



'922 Patent, Figure 2

B. Prosecution History

57. The '922 file history is attached as Exhibit A. The application underlying the '922 Patent was filed on August 20, 2013. In a non-final rejection dated February 13, 2014, the Examiner rejected the claims as unpatentable over certain combinations of prior art references. In response, without conceding to the rejection, the Applicant amended certain claims and cancelled others. In an interview with the Applicant, the Examiner agreed that the claim amendments overcame the prior rejections, but stated that she wished to consider a further reference, to Carloff (U.S. Patent No. 7,259,838). The Examiner then allowed the claims. In her statement of reasons for allowance, the Examiner stated that "[n]o combination of the closest prior art teaches or suggests the limitations of claims 1 and 17."

C. Asserted Claims

58. Claim 1 of the '922 Patent claims:

1 A light detection and ranging (LiDAR) device, comprising:

2 a lens mounted to a housing, wherein the housing is configured to rotate about an axis
3 and has an interior space that includes a transmit block, a receive block, a transmit path,
4 and a receive path, wherein the transmit block has an exit aperture in a wall that comprises
5 a reflective surface, wherein the receive block has an entrance aperture, wherein the
6 transmit path extends from the exit aperture to the lens, and wherein the receive path
7 extends from the lens to the entrance aperture via the reflective surface;

8 a plurality of light sources in the transmit block, wherein the plurality of light sources
9 are configured to emit a plurality of light beams through the exit aperture in a plurality of
10 different directions, the light beams comprising light having wavelengths in a wavelength
11 range;

12 a plurality of detectors in the receive block, wherein the plurality of detectors are
13 configured to detect light having wavelengths in the wavelength range; and

14 wherein the lens is configured to receive the light beams via the transmit path, collimate
15 the light beams for transmission into an environment of the LiDAR device, collect light
16 comprising light from one or more of the collimated light beams reflected by one or more
17 objects in the environment of the LiDAR device, and focus the collected light onto the
18 detectors via the receive path.

19 59. Claim 13 of the '922 Patent claims:

20 The LiDAR device of claim 1, wherein each light source in the plurality of light sources
21 comprises a respective laser diode.

22 **D. Infringement of the '922 Patent**

23 60. I understand the '922 Patent has not been previously asserted in litigation, and that
24 no court or other adjudicator has previously construed its claims. I reserve the right to consider
25 any future claim construction orders that relate to my opinions. As explained above, my opinions
26 are currently based on the claims as I believe a person of ordinary skill in the art would have
27 understood them at the relevant time. I will now explain my opinions regarding infringement of
28 each element of the asserted claims.

61. It is my opinion that the accused LiDAR devices infringe at least claims 1 and 13
of the '922 Patent, as set forth below:

(a) Infringement of Claim 1 of the '922 Patent

(i) **A light detection and ranging (LiDAR) device, comprising:**

1 mirrored surface (transmit path), and that light returns through the same lens to the receive block
2 via the same mirrored surface (receive path).

3 65. Generally speaking, this limitation describes that the same common lens be used
4 both to transmit laser-emitted beams into the environment and to collect and focus returning
5 object-reflected beams. The layout of the laser diodes on the Fuji PCB indicates that the Fuji PCB
6 is part of such a common-lens system as claimed herein for at least two reasons:

7 66. *First*, the [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED] suggests a common lens design. In particular, the Fuji PCB shows [REDACTED]
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design. In particular, on the Fuji PCB,

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9 72. Further, that the accused LiDAR device employs [REDACTED] points

10 definitively to the claimed common-lens design. Because the transmitting array and the receiving

11 array are mirror images of one another, using a single lens guarantees that light emitted by a given

12 diode will return focused onto its corresponding photoreceptor. It would be extremely difficult to

13 achieve this symmetry using separate transmit and receive lenses, because it is difficult to

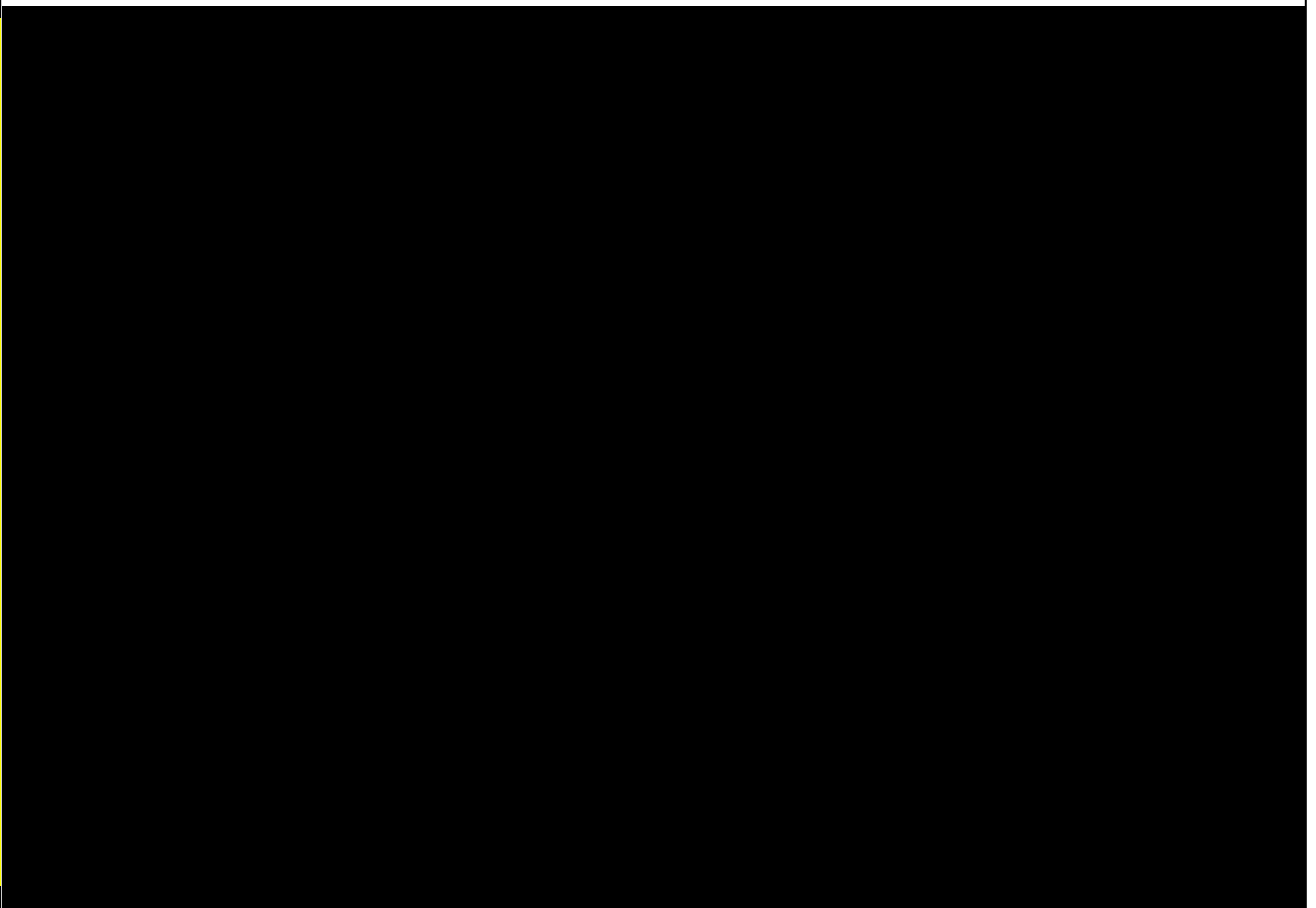
14 manufacture two lenses that are exactly alike, and because in such a system one or both lenses

15 would require recalibration to ensure that the curvature and positioning of the lenses directs each

16 of the 64 outgoing beams to their respective receptors.

17 73. In fact, one of the design schematics that I understand Anthony Levandowski

18 downloaded before he left Waymo shows [REDACTED]



74. Accordingly, in my opinion, for at least the two reasons described above, the accused LiDAR device is a common lens design as claimed in the '922 and this limitation in particular. The device includes a transmit block, which the Fuji board is a part of, and a transmit path defined between the transmit block and the common lens. The device also includes a receive block with a configuration that mirrors the transmit block, and a receive path defined between the common lens and the receive block.

75. *wherein the transmit block has an exit aperture in a wall that comprises a reflective surface, wherein the receive block has an entrance aperture, wherein the transmit path extends from the exit aperture to the lens, and wherein the receive path extends from the lens to the entrance aperture via the reflective surface.* This portion of the limitation further describes the optical configuration that enables the common-lens design, specifically the relative placement of the transmit and receive blocks with respect to the exit aperture in the claimed common lens design. Generally speaking, this portion of the limitation describes (1) the transmit

1 path: that light traveling from the laser diodes must travel through an exit aperture in a wall that
2 comprises a reflective surface on its way to the lens; and (2) the receive path: that object-reflected
3 light enters through the lens, bounces off the reflective surface of the wall that contains the exit
4 aperture, then travels to the entrance aperture fronting the receive block. These claim limitations
5 are also consistent with and suggested by the Fuji PCB board.

6 76. As established above, the features of the Fuji PCB board are consistent with and
7 suggest a single common lens design. In such a configuration, the narrow exit aperture likely sits
8 within a wall because that placement avoids an interference problem otherwise present. In a
9 common-lens system, the transmit block and receive block are necessarily in the same interior
10 housing space because the light must travel from the transmit block to the lens and also return
11 from the lens to the receive block. This creates the potential for interference, i.e., that light
12 emitted by the transmit block will be inadvertently detected by the receive block (which should
13 capture only light that is returning from the outside environment). Shielding the lasers behind a
14 wall prevents this interference, but the wall must contain a small exit aperture so that light can
15 escape to the lens and enable the LiDAR device to function. A very narrow exit aperture in a
16 shielding wall, through which outgoing beams each pass, allows the LiDAR device to emit full
17 light while effectively (if not completely) mitigating the interference problem.

18 77. While the side of the wall facing the transmit block acts to shield the lasers from
19 interfering with the receive block, the other side of the wall comprises a reflective surface. This is
20 because in a common-lens system, the transmitted beams and the returning beams share a path.
21 Because light along the transmit path travels from the exit aperture to the lens (as detailed above),
22 returning object-reflected light travels from the lens to the exit aperture. The light should not
23 travel back through the exit aperture, however, because such light would hit the transmit block
24 rather than the receive block. Instead, the side of the wall that faces the returning object-reflected
25 light is reflective, and serves to direct the returning light towards the receive block. Further, the
26 wall's mirror function is also consistent with the narrow exit aperture enabled by the large pre-
27 collimating lens. Any collected light that returns and hits the exit aperture, rather than the mirror,
28 will be "lost" instead of directed towards the receive block. A narrow aperture minimizes this loss

1 and ensures that most of the collected light will make it to the receive block. Thus, the narrowness
 2 of the exit aperture serves two purposes: to allow the shield-side of the wall to contain all but the
 3 few photons that escape through the aperture, and to allow the mirror-side of the wall to reflect all
 4 but a few photons towards the receive block.

5 78. Further, the returning light likely passes through an entrance aperture on its way to
 6 the photodetectors because it is typical in LiDAR systems to use an entrance aperture to minimize
 7 the aberrations of the returning light. Because lenses are imperfect, any given lens will fail in
 8 some instances to properly focus light beams onto the detectors. Optical systems therefore use an
 9 entrance aperture to block this aberrant light from reaching the detectors.

10 (iii) **a plurality of light sources in the transmit block, wherein**
 11 **the plurality of light sources are configured to emit a**
 12 **plurality of light beams through the exit aperture in a**
 13 **plurality of different directions, the light beams**
comprising light having wavelengths in a wavelength
range;

14 79. The accused LiDAR devices include a plurality of light sources in the transmit
 15 block, wherein the plurality of light sources are configured to emit a plurality of light beams
 16 through the exit aperture in a plurality of different directions, the light beams comprising light
 17 having wavelengths in a wavelength range.

18 80. Defendants disclosed to Nevada authorities that the accused LiDAR devices
 19 comprise 64 total lasers firing 6.4 million beams per second, and the Fuji PCB, which forms part
 20 of the transmit block, [REDACTED] (i.e., a plurality of light
 21 sources that emit a plurality of light beams).

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1 82. The light beams comprise light having wavelengths in a wavelength range because

2 [REDACTED] used by the Fuji PCB emits light beams with a wavelength

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4 (iv) **a plurality of detectors in the receive block, wherein the**
5 **plurality of detectors are configured to detect light**
6 **having wavelengths in the wavelength range; and**

7 83. The accused LiDAR devices include a plurality of detectors in the receive block,
8 wherein the plurality of detectors are configured to detect light having wavelengths in the
9 wavelength range.

10 84. As discussed above, the accused LiDAR devices use a plurality of light sources in
11 the transmit block. Therefore, the accused LiDAR devices in all likelihood use a plurality of
12 detectors in the receive block. While it is theoretically possible to “share” a single detector among
13 a plurality of lasers, to do so requires firing only one laser at a time to eliminate ambiguity as to
14 which laser is responsible for a given return beam. Because the accused LiDAR device uses 64
15 lasers to emit 6.4 million beams a second, however, it is highly probable that it fires lasers
16 simultaneously. If the lasers fired serially, each laser would have to wait long enough to eliminate
17 ambiguity, and as a result it would take more than one second to emit 6.4 million beams. Even
18 assuming a frequent uniform pulse rate of 250 nanoseconds in the accused LiDAR devices (which
19 would limit the device range to less than 125 feet), it would take 1.6 seconds to fire 6.4 million
20 beams $[(250 * 6,400,000) / 1,000,000,000 = 1.6]$.

21 85. The detectors are configured to detect light having wavelengths in the same
22 wavelength range emitted by the light sources. The fundamental concept of a LiDAR device is to
23 emit light and then detect that light upon its return after being reflected by an object in the outside
24 environment. It would not make sense to design a LiDAR device incapable of detecting the
25 reflected light.

26 (v) **wherein the lens is configured to receive the light beams**
27 **via the transmit path, collimate the light beams for**
28 **transmission into an environment of the LiDAR device,**
 collect light comprising light from one or more of the
 collimated light beams reflected by one or more objects

1 **in the environment of the LiDAR device, and focus the**
 2 **collected light onto the detectors via the receive path.**

3 86. The accused LiDAR devices include a lens configured to receive the light beams
 4 via the transmit path, collimate the light beams for transmission into an environment of the
 5 LiDAR device, collect light comprising light from one or more of the collimated light beams
 6 reflected by one or more objects in the environment of the LiDAR device, and focus the collected
 7 light onto the detectors via the receive path.

8 87. As explained above, the accused LiDAR device uses a shared lens to receive light
 9 via the transmit path for transmission into the environment and to collect and focus returning light
 10 onto the receive block via the receive path. Further, virtually all transmitting lenses in LiDAR
 11 systems collimate light for transmission into the surrounding environment, and virtually all
 12 receiving lenses in LiDAR systems focus the collected light onto the detectors.

13 (b) Infringement of Claim 13 of the '922 Patent

14 (i) **The LiDAR device of claim 1, wherein each light source**
 15 **in the plurality of light sources comprises a respective**
 16 **laser diode.**

16 88. The accused LiDAR device meets all the elements of Claim 1, as explained above.

17 89. Further, the Fuji PCB features [REDACTED]
 18 [REDACTED]

19 **E. Validity of the '922 Patent**

20 90. It is my opinion that claims 1 and 13 of the '922 Patent are valid.

21 91. In reaching this opinion, I have considered the claims, specification, and
 22 prosecution history of the patent, including the prior art references identified by the USPTO as
 23 grounds for initial rejection of the claims, and I have relied on my knowledge of and expertise
 24 regarding LiDAR. I have also relied on the legal standards regarding validity discussed above.

25 92. In my experience, I have seen, used, and read about a wide variety of LiDAR
 26 systems. To the best of my recollection, however, I have not seen any disclosures or actual
 27 devices that meet the elements of the claims of the '922 Patent, including claims 1 and 13, and that
 28 also pre-date the August 20, 2013 priority date. My experience thus supports my opinion that the

1 invention of the '922 Patent was novel, and not anticipated by any device or publication in the
2 prior art.

3 93. Further, the configuration of the '922 Patent was a departure from the LiDAR
4 devices in existence at the time. The invention made advances in size, cost, and complexity, and
5 would not have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art. There are LiDAR systems in
6 the prior art, but none achieve the benefits enabled by the elegant configuration disclosed by the
7 '922 Patent. Waymo's invention was unique.

8 **F. Waymo's Use of the Patented '922 Technology**

9 94. I understand that Waymo's products incorporate the claimed features of the '922
10 Patent. I have reviewed internal Waymo documentation describing Waymo's GBr device,
11 including a photo of the device and a ray-trace diagram illustrating that Waymo practices the '922
12 Patent.

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25 95. I have also discussed with Waymo LiDAR engineer Pierre-Yves Droz, who
26 confirmed my understanding of the Waymo's current products and how they practice at least claim
27 1 of the '922 Patent. Specifically, Waymo's devices feature a lens mounted to a housing which
28 rotates about a vertical axis and may be mounted on top of an autonomous vehicle. The housing

contains both a transmit block with a plurality of receptors and a receive block with a corresponding plurality of detectors. The light sources in the transmit block travel to the lens (transmit path) in the same space through which the returning object-reflected light travels from the lens to the receive block, and along the transmit path, the outgoing light travels through an exit aperture in a wall comprising a reflective surface. (Conversation with P. Droz.)

96. Thus, Waymo's products practice the '922 Patent.

VIII. THE '464 PATENT

A. Description and Background of the '464 Patent

97. The '464 Patent is a continuation of the '922 Patent, and shares its specification and figures. I incorporate by reference my discussion on the description and background of the '922 Patent.

B. Prosecution History

98. The '464 file history is attached as Exhibit B. The application underlying the '464 Patent was filed on August 14, 2014. In a non-final rejection dated June 17, 2015, the Examiner rejected certain claims for nonstatutory double patenting over the '922 Patent and as unpatentable as obvious over a number of prior art combinations. In response, the Applicant filed a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection. Without conceding to the rejection, the Applicant amended both independent claims to distinguish over the prior art, and cancelled a dependent claim. The Examiner agreed that the amendments overcame the prior art, but stated that she would conduct a further prior art search before allowing the claims. The Examiner then allowed the claims. In her statement of reasons for allowance, the Examiner noted that "there would be no motivation to combine the prior art references to achieve[] the claimed system without unreasonable hindsight," and further added that the claimed invention is "compact, low maintenance and minimally complex."

C. Asserted Claims

99. Claim 1 of the '464 Patent claims:

A light detection and ranging (LiDAR) device, comprising:

1 a lens mounted to a housing, wherein the housing is configured to rotate about an axis
 2 and has an interior space that includes a transmit block, a receive block, a transmit path,
 3 and a receive path, wherein the transmit block has an exit aperture, wherein the receive
 4 block has an entrance aperture, wherein the transmit path extends from the exit aperture to
 5 the lens, wherein the receive path extends from the lens to the entrance aperture, and
 6 wherein the transmit path at least partially overlaps the receive path in the interior space
 7 between the transmit block and the receive block;

8 a plurality of light sources in the transmit block, wherein the plurality of light sources
 9 are configured to emit a plurality of light beams through the exit aperture in a plurality of
 10 different directions, the light beams comprising light having wavelengths in a wavelength
 11 range;

12 a plurality of detectors in the receive block, wherein the plurality of detectors are
 13 configured to detect light having wavelengths in the wavelength range; and

14 wherein the lens is configured to receive the light beams via the transmit path, collimate
 15 the light beams for transmission into an environment of the LiDAR device, collect light
 16 comprising light from one or more of the collimated light beams reflected by one or more
 17 objects in the environment of the LiDAR device, and focus the collected light onto the
 18 detectors via the receive path.

19 100. Claim 14 of the '464 Patent claims:

20 The LiDAR device of claim 1, wherein each light source in the plurality of light sources
 21 comprises a respective laser diode.

22 **D. Infringement of the '464 Patent**

23 101. I understand the '464 Patent has not been previously asserted in litigation, and that
 24 no court or other adjudicator has previously construed its claims. I reserve the right to consider
 25 any future claim construction orders that relate to my opinions. My opinions are currently based
 26 on the claims as I believe a person of ordinary skill in the art would have understood them. I will
 27 now explain my opinions regarding infringement of each element of the exemplary asserted
 28 claims.

102. It is my opinion that the accused LiDAR devices infringe claims 1 and 14 of the
 '464 Patent, as set forth below:

(a) Infringement of Claim 1 of the '464 Patent

(i) **A light detection and ranging (LiDAR) device, comprising:**

103. The accused LiDAR device is a light detection and ranging (LiDAR) device.
 Defendants admit in the Nevada Application that "Otto's product is a suite of technology hardware

1 and software, including cameras, radar, LiDAR. . . .,” and that its currently-employed technology
 2 includes “**LiDAR** – In-house custom built 64-laser (Class 1) emitting 6.4 million beams a second
 3 at 10Hz.”

- 4 (ii) **a lens mounted to a housing, wherein the housing is**
 5 **configured to rotate about an axis and has an interior**
 6 **space that includes a transmit block, a receive block, a**
 7 **transmit path, and a receive path, wherein the transmit**
 8 **block has an exit aperture, wherein the receive block has**
 9 **an entrance aperture, wherein the transmit path extends**
 10 **from the exit aperture to the lens, wherein the receive**
 11 **path extends from the lens to the entrance aperture, and**
 12 **wherein the transmit path at least partially overlaps the**
 13 **receive path in the interior space between the transmit**
 14 **block and the receive block;**

15 104. The first part of this claim element describes a lens mounted to a housing, wherein
 16 the housing is configured to rotate about an axis. The accused LiDAR device meets this
 17 limitation. The accused LiDAR device is used for self-driving technology, which requires that the
 18 vehicle map its surrounding environment. Thus, the accused LiDAR devices would feature a lens
 19 mounted to a housing that rotates around an axis to map a 360-degree view of the environment
 20 surrounding the vehicle upon which the LiDAR device is mounted. Other configurations, such as
 21 a rotating mirror outside the lens, would not provide the broad field of view required for a self-
 22 driving vehicle.

23 105. The second part of this claim element describes the interior space of the housing to
 24 which the lens is mounted, namely, that the space includes a transmit block, a receive block, a
 25 transmit path, and a receive path, wherein the transmit block has an exit aperture, wherein the
 26 receive block has an entrance aperture, wherein the transmit path extends from the exit aperture to
 27 the lens, wherein the receive path extends from the lens to the entrance aperture, and wherein the
 28 transmit path at least partially overlaps the receive path in the interior space between the transmit
 block and the receive block. As detailed below, the accused LiDAR device uses the configuration
 described by this claim limitation. Specifically, the accused LiDAR device emits light from a
 transmit block to the lens via a narrow exit aperture within a wall with a mirrored surface (transmit

1 path), and that light returns through the same lens to the receive block via the same mirrored
2 surface (receive path); thus, the transmit path partially overlaps the receive path.

3 106. Generally speaking, this limitation describes that the same common lens be used
4 both to transmit laser-emitted beams into the environment and to collect and focus returning
5 object-reflected beams. The layout of the laser diodes on the Fuji PCB indicates that the Fuji PCB
6 is part of such a common-lens system as claimed herein for at least two reasons:

7 107. *First*, the [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED] suggests a common lens design. In particular, the Fuji PCB shows [REDACTED]
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109. These two facts present in the Fuji PCB—
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This is again consistent with and suggestive of the common single lens design claimed herein.

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design. In particular, on the Fuji PCB,

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9 113. Further, that the accused LiDAR device employs [REDACTED] points
10 definitively to the claimed common-lens design. Because the transmitting array and the receiving
11 array are mirror images of one another, using a single lens guarantees that light emitted by a given
12 diode will return focused onto its corresponding photoreceptor. It would be extremely difficult to
13 achieve this symmetry using separate transmit and receive lenses, because it is difficult to
14 manufacture two lenses that are exactly alike, and because in such a system one or both lenses
15 would require recalibration to ensure that the curvature and positioning of the lenses directs each
16 of the 64 outgoing beams to their respective receptors.

17 114. In fact, one of the design schematics that I understand Anthony Levandowski
18 downloaded before he left Waymo shows [REDACTED]

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115. Accordingly, in my opinion, for at least the two reasons described above, the accused LiDAR device is a common lens design as claimed in the '464 and this limitation in particular. The device includes a transmit block, **which the Fuji board is a part of**, and a transmit path defined between the transmit block and the common lens. The device also includes a receive block **with a configuration that mirrors the transmit block**, and a receive path defined between the common lens and the receive block.

116. *wherein the transmit block has an exit aperture, wherein the receive block has an entrance aperture, wherein the transmit path extends from the exit aperture to the lens, wherein the receive path extends from the lens to the entrance aperture, and wherein the transmit path at least partially overlaps the receive path in the interior space between the transmit block and the receive block.* This portion of the limitation further describes the optical configuration that enables the common-lens design. Generally speaking, this portion of the limitation describes (1) the transmit path: that light traveling from the laser diodes must travel through an exit aperture to

1 the lens; (2) the receive path: that object-reflected light travels from the lens to the receive block;
2 and (3) that the transmit path at least partially overlaps the receive path in the interior space
3 between the transmit block and the receive block. These claim limitations are also consistent with
4 and suggested by the Fuji PCB board.

5 117. As established above, the features of the Fuji PBC board are consistent with and
6 suggest a single common lens design. In such a configuration, the narrow exit aperture likely sits
7 within a wall because that placement avoids an interference problem otherwise present. In a
8 common-lens system, the transmit block and receive block are necessarily in the same interior
9 housing space because the light must travel from the transmit block to the lens and also return
10 from the lens to the receive block. This creates the potential for interference, i.e., that light
11 emitted by the transmit block will be inadvertently detected by the receive block (which should
12 capture only light that is returning from the outside environment). Shielding the lasers behind a
13 wall prevents this interference, but the wall must contain a small exit aperture so that light can
14 escape to the lens and enable the LiDAR device to function. A very narrow exit aperture in a
15 shielding wall, through which outgoing beams each pass, allows the LiDAR device to emit full
16 light while effectively (if not completely) mitigating the interference problem.

17 118. While the side of the wall facing the transmit block acts to shield the lasers from
18 interfering with the receive block, the other side of the wall comprises a reflective surface. This is
19 because in a common-lens system, the transmitted beams and the returning beams share a path,
20 that is to say, overlap. Because light along the transmit path travels from the exit aperture to the
21 lens (as detailed above), returning object-reflected light travels from the lens to the exit aperture.
22 The light should not travel back through the exit aperture, however, because such light would hit
23 the transmit block rather than the receive block. Instead, the side of the wall that faces the
24 returning object-reflected light is reflective, and serves to direct the returning light towards the
25 receive block. Further, the wall's mirror function is also consistent with the narrow exit aperture
26 enabled by the large pre-collimating lens. Any collected light that returns and hits the exit
27 aperture, rather than the mirror, will be "lost" instead of directed towards the receive block. A
28 narrow aperture minimizes this loss and ensures that most of the collected light will make it to the

1 receive block. Thus, the narrowness of the exit aperture serves two purposes: to allow the shield-
 2 side of the wall to contain all but the few photons that escape through the aperture, and to allow
 3 the mirror-side of the wall to reflect all but a few photons towards the receive block. Furthermore,
 4 any receive-path beam that bounces off the mirror on the opposite side of the exit aperture from
 5 the receive block will necessarily overlap its own transmit path on the way to the receive block.

6 119. Further, the returning light likely passes through an entrance aperture on its way to
 7 the photodetectors because it is typical in LiDAR systems to use an entrance aperture to minimize
 8 the aberrations of the returning light. Because lenses are imperfect, any given lens will fail in
 9 some instances to properly focus light beams onto the detectors. Optical systems therefore use an
 10 entrance aperture to block this aberrant light from reaching the detectors.

11 (iii) **a plurality of light sources in the transmit block, wherein**
 12 **the plurality of light sources are configured to emit a**
 13 **plurality of light beams through the exit aperture in a**
 14 **plurality of different directions, the light beams**
comprising light having wavelengths in a wavelength
range;

15 120. The accused LiDAR devices include a plurality of light sources in the transmit
 16 block, wherein the plurality of light sources are configured to emit a plurality of light beams
 17 through the exit aperture in a plurality of different directions, the light beams comprising light
 18 having wavelengths in a wavelength range.

19 121. Defendants disclosed to Nevada authorities that the accused LiDAR devices
 20 comprise 64 total lasers firing 6.4 million beams per second, and the Fuji PCB, which forms part
 21 of the transmit block, [REDACTED] (i.e., a plurality of light
 22 sources that emit a plurality of light beams).

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123. The light beams comprise light having wavelengths in a wavelength range because

used by the Fuji PCB emits light beams with a wavelength

(iv) **a plurality of detectors in the receive block, wherein the plurality of detectors are configured to detect light having wavelengths in the wavelength range; and**

124. The accused LiDAR devices include a plurality of detectors in the receive block, wherein the plurality of detectors are configured to detect light having wavelengths in the wavelength range.

125. As discussed above, the accused LiDAR devices use a plurality of light sources in the transmit block. Therefore, the accused LiDAR devices in all likelihood use a plurality of detectors in the receive block. While it is theoretically possible to “share” a single detector among a plurality of lasers, to do so requires firing only one laser at a time to eliminate ambiguity as to which laser is responsible for a given return beam. Because the accused LiDAR device uses 64 lasers to emit 6.4 million beams a second, however, it is highly probable that it fires lasers simultaneously. If the lasers fired serially, each laser would have to wait long enough to eliminate ambiguity, and as a result it would take more than one second to emit 6.4 million beams. Even assuming a frequent uniform pulse rate of 250 nanoseconds in the accused LiDAR devices (which would limit the device range to less than 125 feet), it would take 1.6 seconds to fire 6.4 million beams $[(250 * 6,400,000) / 1,000,000,000 = 1.6]$.

126. The detectors are configured to detect light having wavelengths in the same wavelength range emitted by the light sources. The fundamental concept of a LiDAR device is to emit light and then detect that light upon its return after being reflected by an object in the outside environment. It would not make sense to design a LiDAR device incapable of detecting the reflected light.

(v) **wherein the lens is configured to receive the light beams via the transmit path, collimate the light beams for transmission into an environment of the LiDAR device, collect light comprising light from one or more of the collimated light beams reflected by one or more objects**

1 **in the environment of the LiDAR device, and focus the**
 2 **collected light onto the detectors via the receive path.**

3 127. The accused LiDAR devices include a lens configured to receive the light beams
 4 via the transmit path, collimate the light beams for transmission into an environment of the
 5 LiDAR device, collect light comprising light from one or more of the collimated light beams
 6 reflected by one or more objects in the environment of the LiDAR device, and focus the collected
 7 light onto the detectors via the receive path.

8 128. As explained above, the accused LiDAR device uses a shared lens to receive light
 9 via the transmit path for transmission into the environment and to collect and focus returning light
 10 onto the receive block via the receive path. Further, virtually all transmitting lenses in LiDAR
 11 systems collimate light for transmission into the surrounding environment, and virtually all
 12 receiving lenses in LiDAR systems focus the collected light onto the detectors.

13 (b) Infringement of Claim 14 of the '464 Patent

14 (i) **The LiDAR device of claim 1, wherein each light source**
 15 **in the plurality of light sources comprises a respective**
 16 **laser diode.**

16 129. The accused LiDAR device meets all the elements of Claim 1, as explained above.

17 130. Further, the Fuji PCB features [REDACTED]
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19 **E. Validity of the '464 Patent**

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 23 grounds for initial rejection of the claims, and I have relied on my knowledge of and expertise
 24 regarding LiDAR. I have also relied on the legal standards regarding validity discussed above.

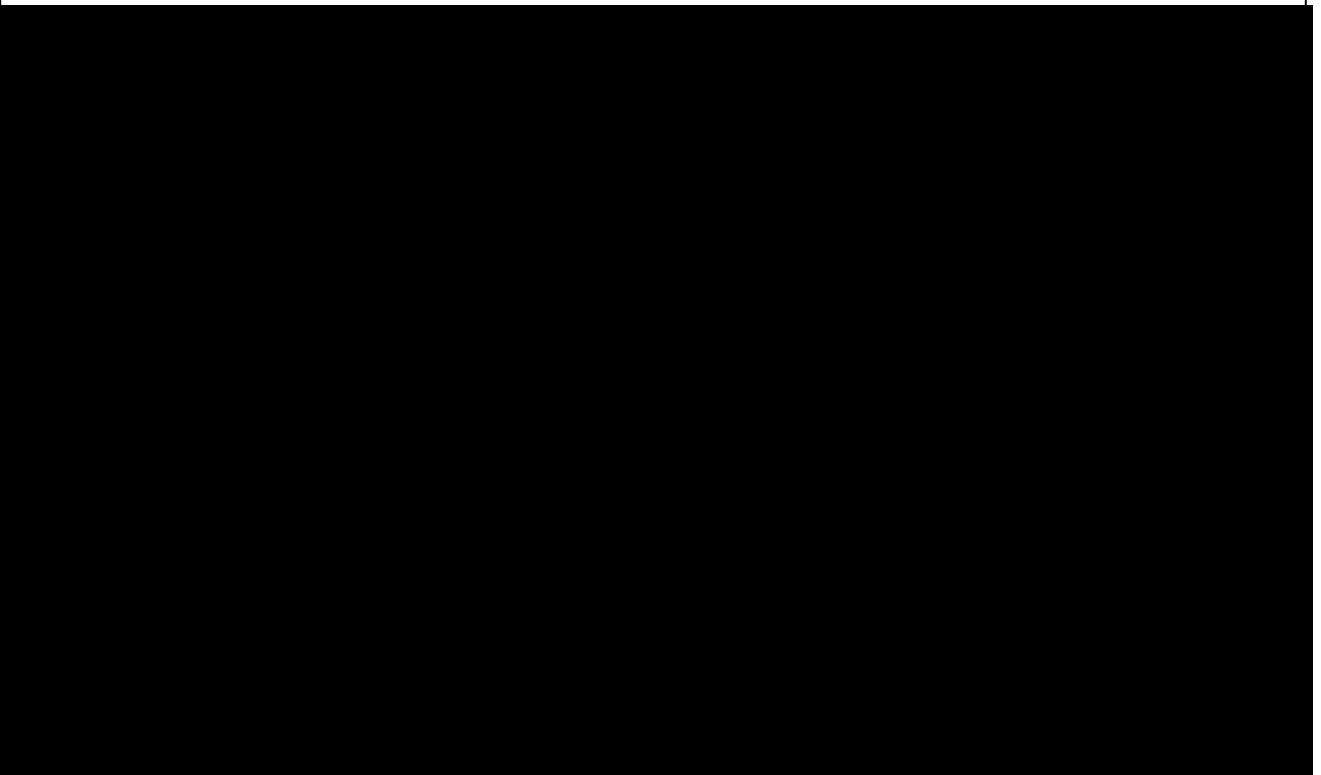
25 133. In my experience, I have seen, used, and read about a wide variety of LiDAR
 26 systems. To the best of my recollection, however, I have not seen any disclosures or actual
 27 devices that meet the elements of the claims of the '464 Patent, including claims 1 and 14, and that
 28 also pre-date the August 20, 2013 priority date. My experience thus supports my opinion that the

1 invention of the '464 Patent was novel, and not anticipated by any device or publication in the
2 prior art.

3 134. Further, the configuration of the '464 Patent, mounting a single lens to a housing
4 containing both a transmit block with a plurality of lasers and a receive block with a plurality of
5 detectors, and with the transmit path including an exit aperture, a receive path including an
6 entrance aperture, and wherein the transmit path at least partially overlaps the receive path in the
7 interior space between the transmit block and the receive block, was a departure from the LiDAR
8 devices in existence at the time. The invention made advances in size, cost, and complexity, and
9 would not have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art. There are LiDAR systems in
10 prior art, but none achieve the benefits enabled by the elegant configuration disclosed by the '464
11 Patent. Waymo's invention was unique.

12 **F. Waymo's Use of the Patented '464 Technology**

13 135. I understand that Waymo's products incorporate the claimed features of the '464
14 Patent. I have reviewed internal Waymo documentation describing Waymo's GBr device,
15 including a photo of the device and a ray-trace diagram illustrating that Waymo practices the '464
16 Patent.



1 136. I have also discussed with Waymo LiDAR engineer Pierre-Yves Droz, who
2 confirmed my understanding of the Waymo's current products and how they practice at least claim
3 1 of the '464 Patent. Specifically, Waymo's devices feature a lens mounted to a housing which
4 rotates about a vertical axis and may be mounted on top of an autonomous vehicle. The housing
5 contains both a transmit block with a plurality of receptors and a receive block with a
6 corresponding plurality of detectors. The light sources in the transmit block travel to the lens
7 (transmit path) in the same space through which the returning object-reflected light travels from
8 the lens to the receive block, and the transmit path at least partially overlaps the receive path.
9 (Conversation with P. Droz.)

10 137. Thus, Waymo's products practice the '464 Patent.

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12 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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